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S. 1395

To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 6, 2009

Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN**
2 **POLAR BEAR TROPHIES TAKEN IN SPORT**
3 **HUNTS IN CANADA.**

4 Section 104(c)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection
5 Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(5)) is amended by strik-
6 ing subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

7 “(D) IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR
8 PARTS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—As expeditiously
10 as practicable after the expiration of the
11 applicable 30-day period under subsection
12 (d)(2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
13 issue a permit for the importation of any
14 polar bear part (other than an internal
15 organ) from a polar bear taken in a sport
16 hunt in Canada to any person that sub-
17 mits, together with the permit application,
18 proof that the polar bear was legally har-
19 vested by the person before—

20 “(I) February 18, 1997; or

21 “(II) May 15, 2008, from a polar
22 bear population from which a sport-
23 hunted trophy could be imported be-
24 fore that date in accordance with sec-
25 tion 18.30(i) of title 50, Code of Fed-

1 eral Regulations (or a successor regu-
2 lation).

3 “(ii) APPLICABILITY.—

4 “(I) EARLIER HARVESTED POLAR
5 BEARS.—The Secretary shall issue
6 permits under clause (i)(I) without re-
7 gard to subparagraphs (A) and
8 (C)(ii), subsection (d)(3), and sections
9 101 and 102.

10 “(II) LATER HARVESTED POLAR
11 BEARS.—The Secretary shall issue
12 permits under clause (i)(II) without
13 regard to subparagraph (C)(ii), sub-
14 section (d)(3), and sections 101 and
15 102.”.

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